

**Enhancing Carmel Valley in 2006**  
**Council President Scott Peters, First District**  
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2006 was another great year for Carmel Valley. I am honored to continue serving you on the City Council, and was pleased to meet many of you at events in and around the community this year.

Here are some of the things we accomplished in the Carmel Valley area this year:

**Public Safety:** Perhaps the most significant development of 2006 was the groundbreaking for Fire Station 47 in Pacific Highlands Ranch. Thanks to Pardee Homes, this project began many years ahead of schedule, and will be complete this coming fall. My office worked with the City, the Fire Department and Pardee Homes, the developer of Pacific Highlands Ranch, to relocate this new station from its originally planned location in the far north quadrant of the community to a more central site on Carmel Valley Road in the heart of Pacific Highlands Ranch. Station 47 will help rescue officials reduce the time it takes to respond to incidents by boosting the number of crews in the area.

2007 will feature the completion of several important public safety projects including the new Northwest Police substation on El Camino Real. When it opens next month, the station will house 20 sworn officers and will improve public safety and police response time across Carmel Valley, Torrey Pines, Torrey Hills and Pacific Highlands Ranch.

**Parks and Trails:** In 2006 we completed trail connections in Neighborhood 10 and interpretive trail signs for Carmel Mountain Preserve. The vast network of trails for walkers, bikers and equestrians is one of the defining features of this community. I am proud to have helped build, connect and protect this regional asset. My office also worked with the Urban Corps to replace a street tree on Seagrove Street.

We advanced the design process for the Carmel Valley skate park in 2006. The community will provide feedback on those designs this year as we work toward finishing the skate park by 2008.

**Streets, Street Lights and Sidewalks:** Work began on the Carmel Valley Road Enhancement Project, which will improve vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic on Carmel Valley Road west of I-5 and provide new protections for the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. Power lines along Carmel Valley Road will be placed underground as part of the enhancement project and decorative pavement will be added to intersections.

At the request of community members and the Carmel Valley Planning Board, the City added five new stop signs around the region, at Lansdale Drive and Sword Way; Lansdale and Graydon Road; Carmel Center Road and Sunset Bluffs Way; Carmel Center Road and Carmel Knolls Drive; and Boquita Drive and Lozana Road. These stop

signs will reduce excessive speed through residential neighborhoods and protect children and pedestrians at busy intersections.

Twelve new street lights replaced broken lights around Carmel Valley, which help deter crime and improve visibility. A dozen more are on the list to be installed in 2007. Please contact my office at (619) 236-6611 if a street light burns out in your community.

Other major accomplishments in '06 include the opening of The Crossings, an affordable community serving over 100 families in Pacific Highlands Ranch; and a citywide smoking ban at all City parks and beaches, which will reduce litter and reduce fire risk at our neighborhood and open space parks.

2007 will be another busy year for Carmel Valley. I look forward to seeing you at one of our community events.